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TITLE: METHOD AND MEANS FOR 2-D-GEL-IMAGE SEGMENTATION

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claim 1-21.

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

Please add new Claims 22-42.


**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to correct informalities in accordance with US practice. No new matter has been added.

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Respectfully submitted,

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